

he went on a blind date with a young woman named Annabelle. She ended up becoming the love of his life, and the two married a year and a half later.

In the 1970s, Mr. and Mrs. Leogrande moved to Mystic, CT, which they would call their home for the rest of their lives. They became proud member-owners of the Steamboat Wharf Condominium Association. The two were married for over five and a half decades, until Mrs. Leogrande passed away in 2003.

Mr. Leogrande continues to attend every reunion of the 12th Armored Division. Though 782 members were lost during the war, 14 of them still remain, and Mr. Leogrande looks forward to joining his fellow soldiers for their 2022 reunion, which will take place in Texas.

Mr. Leogrande's tireless service will be an enduring legacy. I applaud his many accomplishments and hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mr. Carl Leogrande on this milestone of his 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE 433RD FIGHTER WEAPONS SQUADRON

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the 433rd Fighter Weapons Squadron, which began providing advanced instructor training to experienced F-15 pilots on January 3, 1978, as part of the USAF Fighter Weapons School. The 433rd Fighter Weapons Squadron was deactivated on June 1, 1981, and designated the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School, F-15 Division. On February 3, 2003, the 433rd was reactivated and designated the 433rd Weapons Squadron, once again retaining its informal name, "The Barnyard." Though the squadron name has changed over the last 43 years, the tradition established by the individuals of the institution has remained consistent.

December 11, 2021, is graduation day for the pilots of the F-15 Barnyard, bringing the total to 511 F-15 patch wearers. That is 511 individuals who, over the last 43 years, have shouldered the burden of responsibility in training and preparing America's fighting force to go to war in the F-15 air superiority fighter. They are the pilots who have flown on the front lines of aerial combat when called upon by their nation. They are the warriors who lead their wingmen safely home. The graduates of the F-15 division have collectively preserved the Eagle's undefeated record in combat, suffering no losses during its time in service. Twelve of the F-15 Weapons School graduates account for 18 of the F-15's 38 air-to-air victories.

It is no surprise that those who have passed through the 433rd Weapons Squadron, F-15 Division have gone on to do great things and achieve high-ranking positions, in and out of the military. The tradition of the F-15 Division is rooted in the never-ending pursuit of excellence in aerial combat. Throughout their history, the fighter

pilots of the Eagle Division have devoted themselves to a worthy cause with enthusiasm, devotion, and discipleship. They have trained and led the pilots who have enabled air supremacy for our forces around the world and in numerous conflicts.

The fighter pilots of the 433rd Weapons Squadron, F-15 Division join a long lineage that has ensured air superiority for our Nation. From DESERT STORM, to ALLIED FORCE, to SOUTHERN and NORTHERN WATCH, and IRAQI FREEDOM, the fighter pilots of the F-15 Division of the Weapons School have ensured that control of the skies is never in question. The 433rd Weapons Squadron, F-15 Division has stood on the shoulders of the giants and dared to reach higher. It has established itself in the history of this great Nation and its contributions to national defense are highly commendable. Their brave pilots now pass the torch to the next generation of air superiority warriors.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY EMERSON

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Betty Emerson, who is retiring as the congressional liaison for North Carolina's Disability Determination Services. Ms. Emerson has served the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for over 32 years, and her service to North Carolina is greatly appreciated.

Ms. Emerson began her career at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services as a unit office assistant. She then served as a backup to the medical and congressional liaison, and finally, as the congressional liaison for the North Carolina Disability Determination Services. She has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist North Carolina's citizens.

During her 12 years as congressional liaison, Ms. Emerson developed incredibly strong relationships across the State. Her career exemplified the highest standard of excellence, and I am incredibly grateful for the exceptional service she consistently provided to the staff in my North Carolina offices on behalf of our citizens.

I wish Ms. Emerson all the best for happiness and good health in the years ahead.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR JOYCE TURNER KELLER

• Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and thank Dr. Joyce Turner Keller and her organization Aspirations for 20 years in the fight to end HIV/AIDS.

Aspirations' mission is to serve the needs of hurting people, regardless of race, creed, gender, age, or social class affected by the HIV/AIDS virus. Established in 2001, they have provided a

much needed service to our region by providing free testing, education, support groups, and numerous other options to those who are fighting this virus. Its founder, Dr. Joyce Turner Keller, has made it her life's mission to be a face of the invisible that are living and surviving with HIV/AIDS.

As a doctor, I treated uninsured HIV/AIDS patients and saw firsthand the pain this disease can cause. Dr. Joyce Turner Keller has used her God-given talents to care for the underserved and the stigmatized. I commend her on her work and the work of Aspirations these last 20 years.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN DUMAIS

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to salute John Dumais for his many years of dedicated service at the New Hampshire Grocers Association. John is retiring from his longtime role as president and CEO of a trade association that represents hundreds of retailers and suppliers and thousands of workers across the Granite State, and he leaves a legacy worthy of our praise and our gratitude.

John draws on a lifetime of experience and in-depth knowledge in his advocacy for the retail food industry. He grew up working in his family's grocery store in Franklin, NH—Surowiec's Market—and put aside a career track as a pharmacist to help run the shop when his father passed away in 1971. Three years later, he took a role with the New Hampshire Grocers Association. It was the start of an almost five-decade career in which John became one of the State's foremost authorities on the many issues that impact New Hampshire's chained grocery stores and independent retailers.

The Granite State is home to a growing number of retail food chains that offer their services in multiple locations. It boasts a number of independent, local corner stores and specialty shops that provide distinct services to their communities. It also has a number of food manufacturers, brokers, wholesalers, and distributors that serve and support the State's many retailers. Each of these enterprises are represented by the New Hampshire Grocers Association, and each of them has found a knowledgeable resource and skilled advocate in John Dumais. John and his hard-working team tap into their wealth of experience to respond to present needs and anticipate future challenges in this crucial industry.

In addition to his influential role and many achievements with the New Hampshire Grocers Association, John is incredibly generous with his time in a number of other community and charitable organizations. He is a past chairman and current board member of the New Hampshire Food Bank, the chairman of an anti-litter and pro-recycling campaign—New Hampshire the Beautiful—and the past chairman of a scholarship organization, the Asparagus Club. He is also a donor-advisor to